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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH PRIME MINISTER ON PRG-RVN NEGOTIATIONS

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1. I CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER PALME THIS MORNING. REFERRING TO MY CONVERSATION ON SUNDAY WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSSON, I SAID THAT INASMUCH AS PRESIDENT THIEU HAS RESIGNED, THE CONDITION THAT, AS THE GOS HAS INFORMED US, THE PRG HAD SET FOR RESUMING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT HAS NOW BEEN SATISFIED. THEREFORE, I ASKED THE PRIME MINISTER TO PROBE THE INTENTIONS OF THE PRG AS REGARDS THE RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS.

2. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE NEEDED TO REFLECT ON THIS MATTER. HE POINTED OUT THAT SWEDEN DOES HAVE ACCESS TO BOTH HANOI AND THE PRG, AND THAT HE WISHED TO DEVISE A "SUITABLE APPROACH", PERHAPS THROUGH SECRETARY GENERAL SVERKER ASTROM, WHO HAD HAD A ONE AND A HALF HOUR LUNCH WITH PHAM VAN BA LAST WEEK. PALME SAID HE HAD HEARD THE STATEMENT BY THE LOCAL PRG REPRESENTATIVE THAT THE PRG CONDITIONS FOR THE RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS WERE THE REMOVAL OF PRESIDENT THIEU "AND HIS CLIQUE." THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE HAD CHECKED WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY (PRESUMABLY ASTROM), WHO CONFIRMED WHAT ANDERSSON  
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HAD TOLD ME, I.E., THAT BA HAD TOLD THE SWEDES THAT

THE REMOVAL OF THIEU ALONE WAS THE CONDITION FOR  
NEGOTIATIONS WITH SAIGON.

3. I TOLD THE PRIME MINISTER I WOULD APPRECIATE  
HEARING FROM HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON THIS  
QUESTION, SINCE TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. HE AGREED  
TO INFORM ME AS SOON AS HE RECEIVED ANY FURTHER INFORMATION.  
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